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Applicant: BATES ET AL.

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Sir:

Applicant, through his undersigned attorney of record, appeals
pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 134 and 37 C.F.R. 1.191 from the final rejection of all the
claims 1-10, 12-14 and 16-17 mailed September 10, 2002 and the Advisory

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Action mailed December 3, 2002. Please charge the fee of \$320.00 (37 C.F.R. 1.17(b) fee code 119) to Deposit Account No. 09-0465 of International Business Machines Corporation.

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Respectfully submitted,

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